

## UK private acute healthcare sector shows green shoots of recovery following Covid-19

The seventh edition of LaingBuisson's Private Acute Healthcare UK market report is vital reading for anyone involved in this highly competitive sector of the UK health economy, be they providers, investors or advisors to the sector.

The first edition to be published since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the new report shows the position of the market immediately before the pandemic, the impact of the pandemic, and the private healthcare sector's recovery as the economy has started to reopen.

This market, estimated to be worth £6.17 billion in 2019, contracted by around 30% during the pandemic, as independent hospitals made beds, theatres and clinicians available to the NHS 'at cost' and elective surgery all but stopped. The overseas market was heavily impacted as travel restrictions were imposed.

However, the market revived strongly in late 2020 and then again following the 2021 lockdown. The number of people treated on private medical insurance has increased, and the independent sector has been on hand to treat more NHS patients as NHS managers have sought to reduce waiting lists. There has also been strong interest in self-pay owing to long NHS waiting lists for diagnostic and elective procedures. Benefiting from London's reputation for medical excellence, the UK has also attracted patients from overseas as travel restrictions have eased.

Nevertheless, profitability was impacted by Covid, and there are economic uncertainties created by economic slowdown, inflation rises, supply shocks and staffing challenges. This important report provides a crucial update on the current position of the market and its key emerging trends.

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